

May 20, 2015  
8:33 a.m.  
Newport, Oregon

The Parks and Recreation Committee of the City of Newport met on the above date in the Newport Recreation Center.

Members present were Ed Simon, Sandra Surber, Nancy Steinberg, Jennie Scarborough, Alisha Kern, Paul Stangeland, Jeff Schrantz, Mark Saelens; City Council Liaison. Absent: Karen Smith, Kevin Greenwood, Fred Springsteen.

Staff/Guests Present: Parks and Recreation Director Jim Protiva.

#### **Action Items**

MOTION was made by Steinberg to approve the minutes of the April 15, 2015 meeting. Schrantz seconded. Saelens asked for a correction regarding the OCCFA under the Tree City USA sub-committee report. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote with the corrected version.

#### **Public Comment**

Kern asked why the path going down to Sam Moore Park was blocked and barricaded. Protiva said that he was not aware of it and would look into the matter.

#### **Director's Report**

Protiva reviewed the News-Times article that stated the pool project was \$550,000 over budget and noted that the important thing to remember was that the dollar amounts were all estimates and that typically architects are conservative in their estimations. Saelens added that Tim Gross had given a good presentation regarding this subject at the recent Council meeting. Protiva noted that there were several items that could be added on to the project at a later date when funding would be available.

Protiva also noted a Viewpoint on the Opinion page by Rachel Peterson, thanking the advisory committee for their work and discussion on banning smoking in City parks.

Protiva also mentioned that there was a letter to the editor in the paper from a person who did not understand why the pool was being located next to the Rec. Center and had negative comments regarding the parking situation and other concerns. He added that all of her concerns had been addressed several times and it reminded him that there were still people that do not have all the information.

Saelens noted that the Council had passed the revised Parking Management Plan that was requested by City staff and it made the City Council realize that there had been a parking issue for some time.

Protiva added that there would also be work done on the water/sewer lines on 2<sup>nd</sup> and Avery Street before the pool project commenced.

Protiva announced that the Home and Garden Show held in May was a success; bringing in over \$13,000, and the Coast Hills Classic Mountain Bike Race also did very well with over 240 participants - the biggest number since Parks & Recreation has presented. Steinberg commented on what a great job Mike Cavanaugh did presenting the race, along with the folks from Bike Newport.

### **Sub-Committee Comments**

**Municipal Pool:** Protiva noted that work was being done on the details of the pool project.

**Tree City USA:** Steinberg noted that she had three items to share which she had received from people; one which was a memorial tree project, where a person would pay for a plaque to go on or near a tree, much like the memorial benches on the Bayfront. Secondly, she had followed up with the Bike and Pedestrian idea of identifying the Monterey Cypress trees in town and the thought of working together to broaden the heritage tree program. It was noted by Kern that the original idea came from the Way-Finding Committee. Lastly, Councilmember Engler had contacted her regarding a tree ordinance for the City. Protiva mentioned that he had tried to push that through the budget committee, including a staff-person, but it was not approved. Steinberg said that the City already had a tree ordinance, but she thought what they needed more was a tree plan. She noted that she was still working on this.

**Rec. Center, Programming, Sports, Events:** Preparations are being made for our summer programs and our Summer Activity Guide would be coming out on Friday, May 22nd.

**Foundation:** Scarborough noted that the Foundation had met with pool staff last month to discuss fundraising activities.

### **Parks, Trails & Forests**

**Management Plan for Forest Park:** Saelens asked the Committee if they thought it was important to get baseline information on Forest Park. Most community forest plans have this so as they proceed with a plan they know the health, worth, exactly what is in it, etc. before any actions are taken. Steinberg said she thought it was a good idea and should be presented as "resource characterization," regardless of what it is used for. Surber stated that the value of the forest should not just be figured by the trees, but the recreation values, as well. Kern mentioned that many people do not know where Forest Park is located. Saelens mentioned that this should all be part of the Parks Master Plan update.

**Coast Guard Station Trail:** None.

**South Beach State Park - Trails:** None.

**Update on Ranger Program Status:** Simon stated that he and Dave Teem had been working on this project for some time. Their intent was to keep the project simple and kept the structure of it at two pages. He and Teem would be meeting with the Bike Newport people to submit the idea to the Yaquina Bay Cycling Club. They are hoping to use the Club as a recruitment forum. The volunteers would assist in

reporting vandalism and graffiti and be considered as ambassadors for Newport. Volunteers would be trained. Saelens asked if they might want to change the wording regarding the need for a driver's license. He stated that it might deter some folks who choose not to drive, but would want to be a part of this program. The Committee discussed various options that could be used.

#### **Develop Next Agenda**

None.

#### **Meeting Schedule**

The next meeting is scheduled for June 17, 2015.

#### **Adjournment**

Adjournment - Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:41 a.m.